

Nikita S. Khrushchev at the Soviet-Czechoslovak
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Another form of relations is that between the socialist countries and the economically underdeveloped countries which need economic aid. As a result of the colonialist policy of many centuries, the economy of many countries of Asia and Africa which recently gained independence is considerably lagging. The Soviet Union and the other countries of the socialist camp deem it their duty to help them, to expand by every means trade with them and other forms of economic relations. One may not, of course, say that in this case our economic relations are based on mutual advantage. Speaking generally from the commercial viewpoint, our economic and technical aid to the underdeveloped countries is even unprofitable for us. But we hold that aid to the underdeveloped countries is necessary from the viewpoint of humanity and of general human solidarity.

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